

(This photo has been altered from its original form: background elements have been enhanced.)

Below — Troops assigned to the 25th CAB, 25th ID assemble in formation prior to the redeployment ceremony. (Photo by Sgt. Matthew Ryan, 25th Infantry Division)

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Police Call

DES highlights theft of unsecured items

COL. MARK JACKSON

Director, Emergency Services, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, and Commander, 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

As you will note from this edition of Police Call, we continue to focus on preventing and appropriately responding to crime throughout the community.

Although our senior leaders remain committed to effective community law enforcement and prevention of all crime, we highlight a particular trend regarding thefts and larcenies.

Together we're making a real difference in combating this very serious crime. Please read the full article. Toward the end, we share with you examples of some theft-related cases, arrests and justice.

The Blotter

The following are excerpts taken from actual blotter entries from the Schofield Barracks/Fort Shafter areas of operation.

Subjects are innocent until proven



Jackson

guilty, and maximum punishments are taken from the Manual for Courts-Martial, United States (2012 edition), and other open sources.

Crime statistics are analyzed and reported courtesy of the Consolidated Community Criminal Intelligence, or CRIMINT, Fusion Cell.

Crime and incident statistics, captured in the accompanying chart (p.A-6), have been pulled and combined from the Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter surrounding areas.

The office of the Directorate of Emergency Services, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, collects and uses these crime and incident statistics to determine patrol distribution within our communities.

Incidents

Listed below are examples of incidents that occurred during the Jan. 15-24 reporting period.

- Larceny of Private Funds (Not Checks or From Billets) - (Article #121, UCMJ) - 7G2A2  
Larceny of Private Property - (Article #121, UCMJ) - 7G2A1  
Subject: SPC, M/A/N/22  
Jan. 15, DES was notified of a larceny of private funds that occurred Jan. 8. An individual reported that unknown per-

sons by unknown means removed one MasterCard debit card from his locker, which was unsecured while he was at the Martinez Gym. There were no signs of forced entry, and a search of the area met with negative results.  
Estimated cost of loss is \$549.18.

- Operating Motor Vehicle While Driver's License Suspended (Title 18, 302.321, USC)-5Q5  
Driving While Driver's License Revoked (Title 18, 302.220, USC)-5Q5  
Traffic Accident Without Injury/Damage to Property (Article #134, UCMJ)-5Q6  
Subject: PFC, M/W/N/20  
Jan. 15, a traffic accident, without injury or damage to property, occurred at the intersection of Lyman and Hewitt roads rear-ended another vehicle while driving on a suspended license.  
The individual was cited for driving while license suspended, inattention to driving and following too closely. The individual's vehicle was towed.
- Larceny of Private Funds (Not Checks or From Billets) - (Article #121, UCMJ) - 7G2A2  
Larceny of Private Property - (Article #121, UCMJ) - 7G2A1  
Subject: SPC, M/A/N/22  
Jan. 17, DES was notified of a larceny

of private funds that occurred after Jan. 16, at the Main Post Exchange and Martinez Gym. An investigation revealed that an individual reported that unknown persons by unknown means removed \$100 cash and one debit card from his locker, which was unsecured while he was at the Martinez Gym, and made a \$400 purchase.  
The subject was subsequently apprehended following police investigation.

- Solicitation - Policy Memorandum Installation-1, Discipline, Law, and Order  
Subject: CIV, M/W/N/24  
Jan. 19, an investigation revealed that an individual entered Schofield Barracks through the Lyman Gate Vehicle Control Center to solicit magazines at the Main Post Exchange. The individual was advised of his legal rights, which he invoked, and was released on his own recognizance.

- Unattended Child (USAG-HI Policy Memo #34) - 9G2F  
Subject: FM/W, F/A/N/44  
Jan. 21, an investigation by patrols revealed that an individual left her 3-year-old child unattended at the back of the Main Post Exchange on Schofield Bar-

See POLICE, A-6

Rules, behaviors easily found on Internet devices

SGT. MAJ. KEVIN JOCHIMS

311th Signal Command (Theater)

The availability and low cost of pocket electronics allows today's Soldiers to have a vast amount of knowledge at the tips of their fingers.

All a Soldier has to do is whip out a device to look up a regulation, commander's policy or a procedure in minutes. Some rules or behaviors are easy to find, while others are a little more difficult. They fall under three categories: customs, courtesies and traditions. These categories help to define who and what we are at our core, and allow others to see those core values in us.

FM 7-12.13, "The Soldier's Guide," Chapter 4, is dedicated to understanding customs, courtesies and traditions. Their importance is summed up in the first paragraph: "The Army is an organization that instills pride in its members because of its history, mission, capabilities, and the respect it has earned in the service of the nation. A reflection of that pride is visible in the customs, courtesies, and traditions the Army holds. Adher-

ence to them connects us with Soldiers throughout America's history."

When we speak of customs, the first thing that comes to a Soldier's mind is the hassle of dumping out our belongings in Iraq to have them inspected. Customs are a set of norms, which a group of individuals, or a society, establishes as a common practice, either good or bad.

Some customs have been around for so long they have been established as law, which, if violated, can lead to punishment.

Courtesies are the good manners, respect and polite, considerate behavior we show others. Many courtesies are learned behavior or developed as we grow up; some are not enforced by any rules or laws.



Jochims

Courtesies are the foundation blocks for effectively dealing and communicating with others.

Traditions are the actions and behaviors passed down from one generation to another, without written instructions. Traditions give an individual a sense of pride or belonging: returning to a school for a homecoming game or reunion as alumni, celebrating different holidays, having a party after a promotion, and shouting out a unit motto or the ever popular word "HOOAH!"

Some traditions help to bring uniformity or a sense of camaraderie or show group identity, such as everyone wearing a shirt with a unit logo or slogan on it at a function.

Military customs, courtesies and traditions have been passed down to us from generation to generation of Soldiers. These are the ties that bind us together as a unit and set us apart from all others, shaping military morals, ethics and standards. No matter how hard you look, you will not find many of them in regulations.

Soldiers of the 311th Signal Command (Theater) are a living example of carrying on traditions not found in drill and ceremony regulations. We recently conducted two major command ceremonies silently via "wig wags," the Signal Corps' historic means of communication.

Next time you have a few seconds to kill, pull out your pocket electronic device and read up on a few things:

- FM 7-12.13;
  - AR 600-20, "Army Command Policy", paragraph 4-3, outlining respect to seniors, the national anthem and the flag, on and off duty; and/or
  - AR 600-25, "Salutes, Honors, and Visits of Courtesy," Appendix C, for how to properly render courtesies at retreat.
- Military customs, courtesies and traditions are our foundation. They link us to fellow Soldiers throughout history. Hold a high standard. Be the rock that enforces those standards and passes them on to future generations.  
(Editor's note: Jochim is the senior enlisted leader, Operations, for 311th Sig. Cmd.)

A woman really wants just five things

Wants and needs of husbands and wives are not created equal

CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) DON EUBANK

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

Here it comes, the biggest "chocolate-covered" holiday of the year, Valentine's Day!

This year, men will outspend women two-to-one on this holiday for sweethearts, attempting to affirm their love.

In the USA alone, sales of chocolate will exceed \$500 million this month. Another \$700 million will be spent on flowers, greeting cards and food.

The average consumer will spend more than \$125 on valentine's gifts and merchandise, but will our purchases

give us what our sweethearts really want and need from us?

In his book "His Needs, Her Needs," William Harley Jr. reports his research with more than 40,000 married couples and how his team discovered what husbands and wives need from each other. Harley makes a clear distinction between wants and needs.

Wants are negotiable, but needs cannot be negotiated away, he says. Wants are nice to have, but when needs are not met, the relationship suffers, he adds.

Though these categories may not apply equally to everyone, Harley reports the vast majority of husbands and wives agree that the needs he discusses in his book are the deepest and most important when it comes to the marriage relationship.

OK guys, are you ready? Before buying that 2-pound box of roasted and shelled nuts covered with sweetened and buttered cacao seed products, consider what the scientific studies say your sweetheart really needs from you as a man. (I will save the list of men's five greatest needs for another column).

Here's the result of Harley's research

concerning the five greatest needs of a woman:

- Affection,
  - Conversation,
  - Honesty and openness,
  - Financial support, and
  - Family commitment.
- In my experience with counseling couples, I've found that Harley's list is a home run about 98 percent of the time. Often, the failure of men and women to meet each other's emotional needs is simply due to our ignorance of each other's needs and not a selfish unwillingness to be considerate.
- Fulfilling those needs does not mean you have to painfully grit your teeth, making the best of something you hate. It means preparing yourself to meet needs you may not appreciate yourself.
- By learning to understand our mate as a totally different person than ourselves, we can begin to become an expert in meeting all that person's emotional needs, if we wish ... and if not, well ... the post exchange has plenty of chocolates for us to buy!
- (Editor's note: Eubank is the deputy garrison chaplain.)

Why does the Hawaii Army Weekly publish courts-martial findings?

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate releases the results of recent courts-martial for publication to inform the community of military justice trends and to deter future misconduct by Soldiers.

SJAs issue court results

The Offices of the Staff Judge Advocate (25th Infantry Division and 8th Theater Sustainment Command) publish the results of the following recent courts-martial.

See SJA, A-6

Voices of Ohana

Valentine's Day is Feb. 14

"What is your favorite romantic movie?"

Photos by 500th Military Intelligence Brigade Public Affairs



"The Five Year Engagement."

**Spc. Lorraine Criscuolo**  
Human resources specialist, 205th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde.



"The Five Year Engagement."

**Spc. Melanie Cumbee**  
Human resources specialist, 205th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde.



"The Notebook."

**Pfc. Micole Dudley**  
Human intelligence collector, HHD, 205th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde.



"Love and Basketball."

**Spc. Dominique Garrison**  
IT specialist, HHD, 205th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde.



"50 First Dates."

**Spc. Marcial Rios Ortiz**  
Human intelligence collector, Co. C, 205th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde.





Spc. Ariana Cary | 25th Infantry Division

The 25th CAB uncases its colors during a redeployment ceremony, Jan. 31, symbolizing the unit's complete return home from its deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

## CAB: Back in HI

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dancers from the Legends of Kualoa dinner show performed the hula.

The brigade was spread out across more than 25 forward operating bases, with its headquarters located on Kandahar Air Field. Three task force headquarters were located at FOBs Wolverine, Tarin Kowt and Shindand.

The CAB's primary OEF mission was to prevent Afghanistan from returning to a safe haven for international terrorist groups, while building the country's capacity to secure and develop itself as a nation.

The brigade's efforts enabled Afghan-led security forces to continue to train, providing security for the Afghan people, setting conditions for sustainable peace.

During the year, more than 100,000 passengers and 15.3 million pounds of cargo moved across the battlefield, using approximately 130,000 combat flight hours.



Sgt. Matthew Ryan | 25th Infantry Division

Soldiers assigned to the 25th CAB, 25th ID, stand in formation during the redeployment ceremony, Jan. 31. The ceremony took place on the historic tarmac at WAAF, and was followed by reunions of family and friends, and Hawaiian-style entertainment.



Sgt. Matthew Ryan | 25th Infantry Division

Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller (left), commander, 25th ID, and Col. Frank Tate, commander, 25th CAB, render honors during the redeployment ceremony, Jan. 31. The unit flew approximately 130,000 combat hours in support of OEF.



Soldiers of the 205th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde.'s strategic debriefing element, congratulate one another after completing their deactivation ceremony at Richardson Theatre, Jan. 24. The element recently completed a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan, where it provided intelligence collections support in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

## MI deactivates Afghan element

Story and photo by  
**SGT. 1ST CLASS RALPH MARTIN**  
205th Military Intelligence Battalion  
500th Military Intelligence Brigade

FORT SHAFTER — The 205th Military Intelligence Battalion, 500th MI Brigade, held a deactivation ceremony for its strategic debriefing element (SDE) at Richardson Theatre, Jan. 24.

The element, consisting of Soldiers from various units within the brigade, successful-

ly completed a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan where they provided intelligence collection operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"Capt. John Wiebeld, commander, SDE, and I were able to incorporate 28 analysts, interrogators and signals intelligence professionals from the 205th, 715th and 441st MI Bns. into a cohesive team," said Sgt. 1st Class Tanya Bullhead. "The SDE Soldiers placed the mission first in all they did.

Throughout the deployment, these Soldiers continued to set the bar high in everything they did."

The SDE was constituted in September 2011 to support strategic level intelligence collections operations in Afghanistan. The element trained at the Intelligence and Security Command's Detention Facility at Camp Bullis, Texas, before deploying.

*(Editor's note: Martin is the senior enlisted leader, Operations, for 205th MI Bn.)*

## BSB: FTX preps for NTC

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you don't have the beans and bullets, then you can't get the job done anyway."

BSB also follows the Army saying "train as you fight." The way units execute their duties for Warrior Spear mirrors the way they will execute their duties during the upcoming rotation at the National Training Center and future deployments.

"We do, basically, the same thing for an exercise, like this, as we'll do at NTC, and the same thing we'll do on deployment," said Miller. "The only difference is the level of danger that we're facing.

"Downrange, we still support in almost the same fashion," Miller said. "So when we're practicing out here, we're practicing doing the same thing we'll be doing downrange."



Spc. Matthew Cox, 225th BSB, 2nd SBCT repair team, 25th ID, removes a Stryker fuel pump during Warrior Spear, part of providing food, ammunition and vehicle support for the other battalions participating in the exercise.



# Awards, mass re-enlistment recognize retention

Story and photo by  
**SPC. ARIANA CARY**  
25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — An awards luncheon was held at the Nehelani, Jan. 30, to recognize units and individuals for their retention success, in accordance with the 25th Infantry Division’s retention incentive and awards program for fiscal year 2012.

Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller, commander, 25th ID, presented Commanding General’s Excellence Retention plaques to commands for retention success, to include special recognition awards.

The luncheon also recognized participants and the winner of the 25th ID Career Counselor of the Year board.

**Army Commendation Medal & Career Counselor of the Year**  
•Staff Sgt. Michael Garcia  
2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team

**Fiscal Year 2012 Achievement**  
•2nd Brigade Combat Team  
Col. Thomas Mackey and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Crosby, command team, 2nd BCT, and Master Sgt. Renita Cannon, senior retention non-commissioned officer, 2nd BCT, accepted the awards.  
•Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion,

2nd SBCT  
Lt. Col. Todd Johnson and Command Sgt. Maj. Roderick Taylor, command team, HHBN, and Sgt. 1st Class Latayna Tyler, senior retention non-commissioned officer, HHBN, accepted the awards.

**Commanding General’s Excellence Retention Plaque**  
Awarded for demonstrating excellence in retaining Soldiers during fiscal year 2012.  
•3rd BCT  
Col. Brian Eifler and Command Sgt. Maj. David Clark, command team, 3rd BCT, and Sgt. 1st Class James Franicevich, senior retention noncommissioned officer, 3rd BCT, accepted the award.  
•25th Combat Aviation Bde.  
Col. Frank Tate and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesus Ruiz, command team, 25th CAB, and Master Sgt. Craig Clayton, senior retention noncommissioned officer, 25th CAB, accepted the award.

During the ceremony, Staff Sgt. Rodney London, 3rd Bn., 7th FA Regt., 3rd BCT, and Sgt. Jason Clark, 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Regt., 2nd SBCT, were also recognized as participants in the 2012 Career Counselor of the Year competition.

The event concluded with a mass re-enlistment ceremony conducted by Fuller; more than 25 Soldiers re-enlisted. Families were invited to stand with their re-enlisting Soldier.



Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller (center), commander, 25th ID, awards the Commanding General’s Excellence Retention plaque for 25th CAB to Col. Frank Tate (left) and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesus Ruiz (right), the 25th CAB command team, and Master Sgt. Craig Clayton, senior retention noncommissioned officer, 25th CAB, during an awards luncheon at the Nehelani, Jan. 30.

“These awards ceremonies sometimes seem like one of those soccer teams where everyone gets a trophy, whether you win or lose, but that’s really not what happened here,” Fuller said. “There really was a lot of hard work that went

into this.  
“Retention is a commander’s program,” Fuller explained, “but we know we couldn’t accomplish it without the great professionals that trained to keep it going.”

## News Briefs

Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

### February 11 / Monday

**Fort Shafter Gym Closure** — Weight Room #1, the Nautilus Equipment Room, in the physical fitness center in Bldg. 665, will be closed for lighting system replacement, Feb. 11-20. It will reopen at 5:30 a.m., Feb. 21. Call 438-1152.

### 12 / Tuesday

**Theater Exercise** — The

728th Military Police Battalion will conduct an exercise inside Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. People in the vicinity or personnel working in Building 500 may hear gunshots from the training within the theater. For more details, call 655-7301.

### 13 / Wednesday

**Memorial Service** — A unit memorial service for Spc. Trevor McGurran, 715th Military Intelligence Battalion, 500th MI Brigade, is scheduled in the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel at 1 p.m.

**Bridge Lane Closure** — The state Department of Transportation advises Oahu motorists of temporary modifications to traffic patterns over the

Karsten Thot Bridge in Wahiawa, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., daily, Feb. 13 and 20. One lane will be closed and flaggers will control traffic.

Though traffic will be allowed both directions, drivers should expect delays and consider alternate routes, when possible. Signs are posted on either side of the bridge notifying motorists of the upcoming changes.

DOT appreciates the public’s patience and understanding as it continues work to make Karsten Thot Bridge safe for all drivers..

### 15 / Friday

**Scholarship Deadline** — Applications for Tillman Military Scholars remain open until 11:59:59 p.m. PST. This scholarship supports our nation’s active and veteran service mem-

bers and their spouses by removing financial barriers to completing a degree program of their choice.

Visit <http://bit.ly/VrROpe>.

### 20 / Wednesday

**“Veterans of Color” Film Festival** — Learn stories of African-American men and women who served in our armed forces. “Veterans of Color” chronicles the heroic service of Soldiers who had to battle for equality, specially presented Feb. 20-22 by the Honolulu Museum of Arts’ African-American Film Festival, in conjunction with the 25th Infantry Division and Schofield Barracks Team EO/EEO.

**27 / Wednesday**  
**Virtual Career Fair** — Veterans Recruiting Services will host a Virtual Career Fair, 1-4 p.m., Feb. 27.

The Department of Transportation, FAA, TSA, General Motors, Penske, Waste Management and Pepsi will participate. Visit [www.veteranrecruiting.com](http://www.veteranrecruiting.com).

Facebook Town Hall — Get ready for the next online Facebook Town Hall, hosted by Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, USAG-HI, 6-7:30 p.m., Feb. 27, at [www.facebook.com/usagahawaii](http://www.facebook.com/usagahawaii), under the “Events” tab.

All Soldiers, family members, retirees and civilians in U.S. Army-Hawaii can ask questions, address concerns and get responses.

If your question does not per-

tain to the public at large, email the Interactive Customer Evaluation System, or ICE, at <http://ice.disa.mil>, or Ask the Garrison Commander at [Ask-TheCommander.usaghi@us.army.mil](mailto:Ask-TheCommander.usaghi@us.army.mil).

## Ongoing

**Macomb Gate** — Macomb Gate is open weekdays for inbound and outbound traffic, 5 a.m.-7 p.m. See p. A-1.

**Stover Gate** — Stover Gate on Wheeler Army Airfield is open until further notice for outbound traffic, only, from 5:30-7:30 a.m., weekdays.

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Staff Sgt. Hector Tarango, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regt., “Cacti,” 3rd BCT, 25th ID, goes up to spike the ball during a volleyball game against 3rd Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., “Raiders,” 3rd BCT, 25th ID, during the 3rd BCT Single Soldier Cohesion Day, Jan. 31.

# ‘Broncos’ enjoy games day

Story and photo by  
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3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs  
25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers in 3rd Brigade Combat Team, “Broncos,” 25th Infantry Division, got an opportunity to spend a day hanging out with fellow Soldiers and competing against each other during the 3rd BCT Single Soldier Cohesion Day , Jan. 31.

“These events give us the chance to meet Soldiers from the other battalions,” said Sgt. Lindsey Jones, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers representative for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Inf. Regiment, “Wolfhounds,” 3rd BCT.

Soldiers took the opportunity to square off against other battalions in three different sports tournaments: basketball, volleyball and tug of war. The installation’s BOSS program even brought out a mechanical bull.

A volleyball tournament came down to 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regt., “Cacti,” against 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regt., “Raiders.” The Raiders took the first two games in a best of three series, to earn a clean sweep in the final.

The Raiders then had another chance to take home a trophy during the final match of the basketball tournament. In a well-played game, opponent 3rd Bde. Special Troops Bn., “Bayonet,” came away with the victory.

Cacti made their presence known in the tug of war tournament, making it to the final match against the Bayonets. After a grueling back and forth match, Cacti scored the victory.

After the games concluded, a closing ceremony and award presentation took place with remarks by Command Sgt. Maj. David Clark, Bronco Brigade’s senior enlisted leader.

“This event would not have been possible without the NCOs who planned it,” said Clark, showing his appreciation to the day’s organizers.

With the successful the day, Clark let it be known the brigade plans on having more Soldier Cohesion days in the future.

“This is the start of something, and we plan on doing more events like this,” Clark said.

The ceremony concluded with Clark presenting trophies to the first place teams.

“The battalions have won bragging rights, but it is all about having fun and bringing everyone together,” said Clark.

# Observers are ‘outside set of eyes’ for 2nd SBCT

## Stryker Soldiers prep as OCs for ‘Warrior Spear’

Story and photo by  
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2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs  
25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Leaders from the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, recently spent two days attending an Observer-Controller (OC) Academy, held here.

The academy trains leaders to help out units going through different parts of Warrior Spear, the large brigade-wide exercise being conducted during most of February.

“It lays out a common picture and acts as a baseline so that all OCs across the brigade are on the same page and that everybody gets a good look, a consistent look as the different battalions roll through Warrior Spear,” said Capt. J.D. Moffitt, 2nd SBCT fire support officer and OC Academy coordinator.

Moffitt said OCs are teachers, coaches and mentors who help to set conditions and record actions during a training exercise.

“Sometimes it’s hard to take a critical eye to your formation while you’re in the middle of conducting an exercise,” said Moffitt. “OCs are an outside set of eyes to observe your actions on contact ... (to ob-

serve) your tactics and training procedures and your standard operating procedures as you go through a training. Then, they help conduct and facilitate an after-action report for the unit to receive learning points at the end of an exercise.”

During Warrior Spear, one battalion will be going through the exercises while another acts as support, Moffitt said. OCs will come from the support battalion.

Capt. Jason Nachowicz, commander, Troop B, 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd SBCT, went through the academy and came out with the belief that not only could he now help other units to better themselves, but also he could find new ways to better himself.

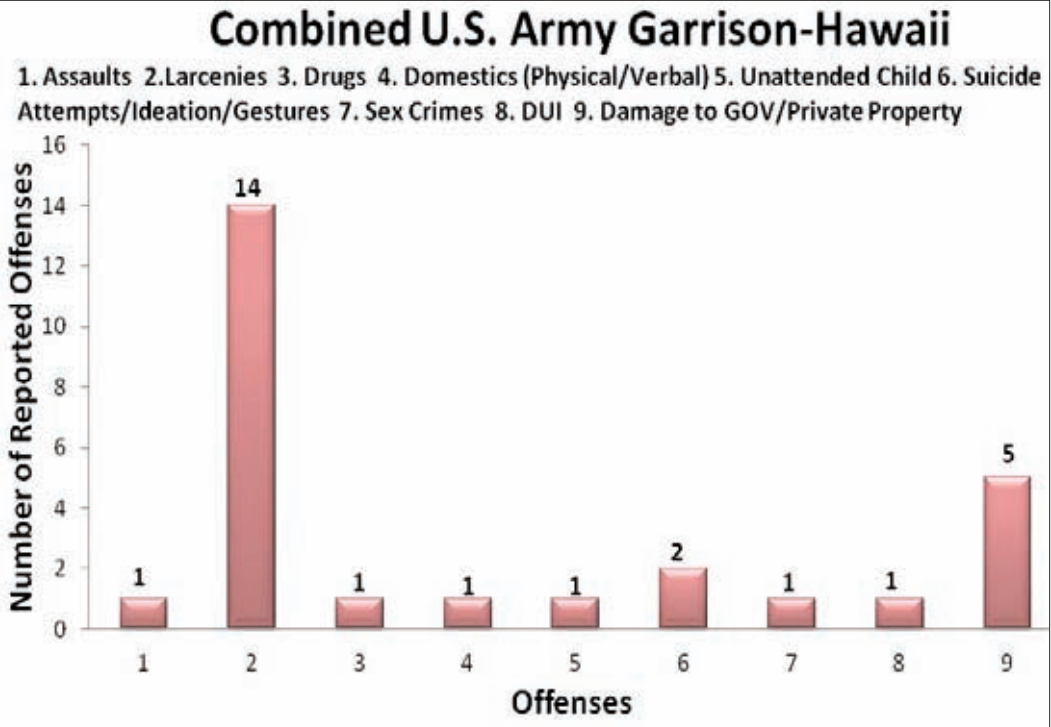
“Going through the OC academy and having the opportunity to OC is allowing me to observe new techniques for attacking a problem set,” Nachowicz said. “It’s challenging me to re-look, take the largest training goals and really dig in to understand the central tasks of each one of those to make sure I have a firm grasp on all of the intricacies that go into it.

“It’s always beneficial to hear the different ways that other commanders and officers would approach each problem,” Nachowicz continued, “because no one approaches problems the same, but they’re all effective. Being able to throw more tools in your kitbag, if you will, allows you to have a broader base off of which to build.”



A Soldier with the 2nd SBCT, 25th ID, dismounts from the back of a Stryker at the MOUT site, in recent preparation for the brigade-wide Warrior Spear exercise, which is being conducted throughout the month of February.





## Police: Gym thief caught taking cash, cards

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racks while she went to the dressing room located at the front of the building.

The individual was issued a citation for unattended child and was released on scene.

- Criminal Trespass (Title 18, Sec 1382, USC)
- Fraudulent Use of License Plates (HRS 249-11)
- Driving While License is Suspended or Revoked (HRS 286-132)

Subject: CIV, M/W/N/22

Jan. 24, an investigation of criminal trespass at McNair Gate on Schofield Barracks revealed that an individual had knowingly violated his bar entry, which expires July 2015. Also, the individual’s driver’s license was suspended by the state of Hawaii, and he’d fraudulently used a license plate.

The staff judge advocate opined sufficient evidence to title the individual with criminal trespass, driving while license is suspended and fraudulent use of a license plate.

The individual was released on his own recognizance.

### Property Theft

Military Police investigators (MPI) recently apprehended a Soldier for multiple larcenies originating from Martinez Gym.

The thefts occurred Jan. 7-16. The subject would remove cash and debit/credit cards from the victims’ locker while they used the gym at lunchtime.

In all the cases, the property was left unsecured and unattended. In more than one instance, the subject returned the cards before the victims knew they were stolen.

Investigators followed leads, such as reports of the fraudulent use of a credit card, discarded receipts linking use of stolen credit/debit cards to gift cards, and subsequent purchases with gift cards.

MP investigators believe there may be more victims who haven’t yet reported or are unaware that their cards have been used. If you think you may have been affected by these crimes, please file a report with USAG-Hawaii DES.

These thefts serve as a powerful reminder to the community to secure belongings and to report any suspicious activity to authorities.

## SJA: Court results posted

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### 25th Infantry Division

•A private from Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, was found guilty of one specification of Article 86, for failing to go to his appointed place of duty; two specifications of Article 91, for being disrespectful in language to a superior non-commissioned officer and for failing to obey the lawful order of a superior noncommissioned officer; two specifications of Article 112a, for wrongfully using of methamphetamines; one specification of Article 112a, for possessing methamphetamines; two specifications of Article 134, for communicating threats to his first sergeant and platoon sergeant; and one specification of Article 134, for adulterating his urinalysis sample.

The private was sentenced to seven months confinement and a bad conduct discharge.

•A sergeant from Company A, 2nd Bn., 27th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT, was found guilty of one specification of Article 121, for stealing military property; two specifications of Article 112a, for the wrongful introduction and use of heroin; one specification of Article 108, for wrongful disposition of military property; and two specifications of Article 107, for giving false official statements.

The sergeant was sentenced to 33 months confinement.

### 8th Theater Sustainment Command

•A sergeant first class from Headquarters and Headquarters Bn., U.S. Army-Pacific, was convicted at a general court-martial of one specification of communicating a threat in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. A military judge sentenced him to be reduced to the grade of E-5, to be confined for three months and to perform hard labor without confinement for three months

•A private first class from 58th Military Police Co., 728th MP Bn., was convicted at a special court-martial of one specification of indecent liberties

with a child in violation of Article 120, UCMJ. A military judge sentenced him to be reduced to the grade of E-1, confinement for three months and a bad conduct discharge.

•A private first class from Tripler Army Medical Center was convicted at a general court-martial of one specification of aggravated sexual assault in violation of Article 120, UCMJ, and one specification of forcible sodomy in violation of Article 125, UCMJ. A panel of officer and enlisted members sentenced him to forfeit all pay and allowances, reduction to the grade of E-1, confinement for six months and a dishonorable discharge.

•A private first class from 540th Quartermaster Co., 524th Combat Sust. Support Bn., was convicted at a special court-martial of three specifications of assault consummated by battery in violation of Article 128, UCMJ, and three specifications of disobeying a lawful order of a superior commissioned officer in violation of Article 90, UCMJ. A military judge sentenced the private first class to confinement for six months and a bad conduct discharge.

### Criminal Acts

All victims of domestic violence and sexual assault are strongly encouraged to report offenses. Reporting these offenses may be the best way to ensure that victims receive the support they need and that such crimes are not repeated.

Reports can be made to the chain of command, the military police, the Criminal Investigation Division, a victim advocate, a chaplain, the inspector general or medical personnel. Also, the SAFE Line at (808) 624-SAFE (7233) may be used for information and assistance.

All offenses made known to the command will be thoroughly investigated by trained, professional criminal investigators. If appropriate, alleged offenders will be prosecuted. In certain cases, victim family members may be entitled to transitional compensation, to include retaining ID card benefits and privileges.







Photos courtesy Blaine Fergstrom

The area of Waialua, located near Schofield Barracks on the Wahiawa Plateau, is home to many sites of significant importance to native Hawaiians, including Kūkaniloko, where many of Oahu’s chiefs were born. Today, the royal birthsite is marked by 180 stones, including remnants of heiau (temples, seen here) and birthing stones (below), covering approximately 0.5 acres.

# Schofield area rich in historic Hawaiian birthing stones

## NATIVE HAWAIIAN LAIASON OFFICE

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Centuries before the area became a modern, major U.S. military installation, traditional Hawaiian leaders developed governance and management techniques that revolutionized Hawai`i.

Some of the island’s most sacred cultural sites are found in the area.

The district of Waialua, including Wahiawa and what is now Schofield Barracks, is a tremendously important historical and cultural site to members of the Hawaiian community.

Working to educate people about these sites is one of the ac-



tivities of U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s Native Hawaiian Liaison program.

“Waialua is known for being a district rich in natural and cultural resources,” said Kawika Au, president of the Waialua Hawaiian Civic Club. “We are also famous for being the home of Kūkaniloko, the birthplace of many of O`ahu’s chiefs.”

Kūkaniloko and its surrounding lands were recently saved from development through a partnership agreement that included USAG-HI, the state of Hawai`i, the City and County of Honolulu and a private donor.

The agreement has been celebrated by the Hawaiian community, which has long fought to protect the area.

“The protection of Kūkaniloko ensures that Hawaiians will be able to continue to access the area for cultural purposes,” Au explained. “Hawaiians understand that place can possess great mana, or power. Kūkaniloko is surely one of this island’s most powerful sites.”

Powerful birthing stones can be found to this day at Kūkaniloko. One of the many famed chiefs born here was Mā`ilikūkahi .

Born in the 15th century, Mā`ilikūkahi would become the high chief of O`ahu before the age of 30. His reign was tied to an era of great prosperity for the people of Oahu.

Known as one of Hawai`i’s greatest political leaders and innovators, he would revolutionize the way land and resources were managed across Hawai`i. The method, known as the ahupua`a system, would prove so successful that it continues to this day.

Reference to the ahupua`a system can be seen extensively across the islands.

The sustainable natural resource management system,

### Visiting Hawai`i’s Cultural Sites

The Native Hawaiian Liaison program will be arranging for participants to visit some of the area’s cultural sites, including these:

- Traditional Hawaiian agricultural sites,
- Heiau (religious sites),
- Traditional fishponds, and
- Kūkaniloko.



which is a traditional ecosystem-based watershed management, has been proven to be one of the most efficient in the world.

The Native Hawaiian Liaison program will be offering opportunities for USAG-HI community members to visit Kūkaniloko and other cultural sites in the area.

“We want to give the USAG-HI community a chance to discover what a rich and amazing place Waialua is,” said Trisha Kehaulani Watson, with the Native Hawaiian Liaison program. “We are confident that by learning the history of these places, participants will walk away with a new appreciation for Hawai`i’s history and culture.”

### Native Hawaiian Liaison Program

The Native Hawaiian Liaison program offers numerous opportunities for the USAG-HI community to learn more about Hawai`i’s native culture. Cultural workshops are offered during the week and include many topics, such as dance, lei making, weaving and music.

For more details, visit [www.hawaiianliaison.com](http://www.hawaiianliaison.com).

# Great Aloha Run offers Soldiers ‘Sounds of Freedom’ challenge

More than 4,000 military ran in 2012; MWR programs benefit

CAROL JAXON  
Great Aloha Run

HONOLULU — Hawaii runners, including those in the armed services, are lacing up for the Kaiser Permanente Great Aloha Run, Feb. 18.

The race, 8.5 miles long, starts from the Aloha Tower and ends at Aloha Stadium; participants of all ages are invited to attend.

As of Feb. 1, 18,000 participants have signed up to do their part in raising funds for Carole Kai Charities, with monies going to more than 150 nonprofit local organizations, including various military Morale, Welfare and Recreation offices, the Hawaii High School Athletic Association, and the United Cerebral Palsy Association.

Since its inception in 1985, the Great Aloha Run has raised more than \$8.1 million. Kaiser Permanente is this year’s title sponsor.

“More than 4,000 military members participated last year, said Claire Nakamura, administrator and event coordinator for the charity. “But it’s not all about running in formation. It’s a great time to get together with family, support the community



Photo courtesy 25th Infantry Division

Army units enter Aloha Stadium to finish the Great Aloha Run course, Feb. 20, 2012. The 8.15-mile run starts in front of Aloha Tower and ends on the stadium field.

and even for employers to give employees time off to participate,” she added.

Though the mail deadline has passed, participants can register at the Great Aloha Run’s Sports, Health and Fitness Expo at

the Neal Blaisdell Center, Feb. 15-18.

“Wounded warriors, walkers, families, children can all participate,” Nakamura said. “It’s the Sounds of Freedom formation runs that get the most attention though,” she added.

In 1974, Maj. Gen. Harry Brooks Jr., a former commander of the 25th Infantry Division, regularly led his Soldiers chanting cadence through the quiet Wahiawa town as part of their PT training. To inspire its residents when concerns from the peaceful little town stirred, Brooks coined the phrase “Sounds of Freedom.”

“When you hear the chanting of our Soldiers, they are in training,” Brooks explained, at the time. “When you do not hear them, it means they are off to defend and protect our great country. They are the Sounds of Freedom.”

(Editor’s note: Jaxon is the military liaison officer for the 2013 GAR.)

### Great Aloha Run Registration

A discounted entry fee for active duty participants includes a “finisher T-shirt,” entrance fee, refreshments and entertainment at the stadium and along the route. For more information, go to [www.greataloharun.com](http://www.greataloharun.com) or contact the Great Aloha Run at 528-7388.





Briefs

Today

**Valentine’s Day Workshops** — The Arts and Crafts Center will hold a variety of Valentine’s Day classes until the big day, including Valentine’s Day, with no-sew pillows and a Valentine’s Day card workshop and more through Feb. 14. Call 655-4202 to preregister for classes.

**Outdoor Recreation Center** — In February, pay for one ODR program and your valentine sweetheart accompanies at half price. Restrictions apply. Call 655-0143.

**Right Arm Night** — Celebrate Fat Tuesday early, Feb. 8, beginning at 4 p.m., at FS Hale Ikena; enjoy drink specials and New Orleans-style pupu buffet. Spouses and DOD civilians welcome.  
This event is for adults only. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door, and on sale at the Hale Ikena. Call 438-1974.

**11 / Monday**  
**Fort Shafter Gym** — Weight Room #1, the Nautilus Equipment Room, in the physical fitness center in Bldg. 665, will be closed for lighting system replacement, Feb. 11-20. It will reopen at 5:30 a.m., Feb. 21. Call 438-1152.

**13 / Wednesday**  
**BOSS Meetings** — Single Soldiers and geographic bachelors are invited to Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings every Wednesday to discuss community service projects and fun upcoming programs.  
•South meetings, 10 a.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesday at AMR Chapel;  
•North meetings, 3 p.m., at Tropics Warrior Zone, every 1st & 3rd Wednesday.  
Call 655-1130.

**Preschool Story Time** — Take your toddlers to story time, Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Sgt. Yano Library, SB; different theme and story each week. Call 655-4707.

**14 / Thursday**  
**Valentine’s Dinner** — Kolekole Bar & Grill and Mulligan’s Bar & Grill provide a fine dining experience, 5-8 p.m.; is \$26.95 per person at SB Kolekole (655-4466) and \$27.95 at FS



Photo courtesy Hawaii State Department of Education

The Leilehua High School "Mighty Mules" are preparing to return to the national CyberPatriot Finals, in Washington, D.C., March 14-15, after finishing as the top Army JROTC qualifier in the nation. The team includes (from left) retired Lt. Col. Nick Spiridigliozzi, coach; Cadets Seth Allen, Kawika Lavarias, Sharon Thepsenavong, David Williams and Michael Grajales; and retired Master Sgt. Mike Herr, mentor.

# Leilehua Army JROTC seeks repeat at CyberPatriot finals

SARAH PACHECO  
Staff Writer

WAIHAWA — Leilehua High School returns to the national CyberPatriot Finals next month after finishing as the top Army JROTC qualifier in the nation.  
The “Mighty Mules” will be one of 14 finalists in the All-Service Division at CyberPatriot V, the premier national high school cyber defense competition to be held in Washington, D.C., March 14-15.  
The honor is even more special for the Leilehua JROTC team, as it won the Army Service Division Championship at last year’s national meet.  
“It feels great to be going back because this year was much more challenging. There were more teams entered, and we knew we had to work harder,” said retired Lt. Col. Nick Spiridigliozzi, coach and senior JROTC Army instructor.  
“There’s a certain amount of pressure and expectation, but it’s good pressure,” he continued. “It’s actually been positive and given us a goal to get to that level again.”  
Adding to that pressure was the need to rebuild the Mighty Mules from the ground up after losing every

member of last year’s team (two students graduated, while another PCS’d).  
“That’s just part of the dynamics, here, being located so close to an Army installation, but once we get a good group of people, we have a great team,” Spiridigliozzi said.  
This year’s CyberPatriot team consists of Army Hawaii family members:  
•Sharon Thepsenavong, stepdaughter of Spc. Hans Brockmann, 536th Maintenance Company, 524th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 45th Sust. Brigade, 8th Theater Sust. Command;  
•Michael Grajales, son of Staff Sgt. Jesus Grajales, 599th Transportation Bde.; and  
•David Williams, son of Sgt. David Williams, 552nd Military Police Co., 728th MP Bn., 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC.  
Other team members are Kawika Lavarias (civilian) and Seth Allen (son of chiefs with the U.S. Navy). Retired Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Mike Herr is serving as team mentor.

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Mulligans (438-1974). Reservations required.

**19 / Tuesday**  
**Funfest FRG Fundraising Meeting** — Learn how to raise funds for your family readiness group at the annual FMWR Funfest, 10 a.m., Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center. Attend this informational meeting or call 655-0115.

**22 / Friday**  
**USARPAC Golf Scramble** —

Every last Friday of the month at FS Nagorski Golf Course. For information and registration, call 438-9587.

**Hawaiian Buffet** — Every last Friday of the month, enjoy a Hawaiian luau lunch buffet at the FS Hale Ikena dining room (438-1974) or SB Kolekole Bar & Grill (655-0660) for \$12.95.

**23 / Saturday**  
**Lt. Dan Band** — The USO presents Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan

Band, 7 p.m., Feb. 23, at Weyand Field, Schofield Barracks. Food and beverages available for purchase. This free event is held on an open field and blankets or lawn chairs are recommended. Call 655-0115.

**Ongoing**  
**Whale Watching Cruises** — Sign up to see these majestic crea-

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## community calendar

Send announcements a week prior to publication to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

**9 / Saturday**  
**Kuhio Beach Hula Show** — Authentic Hawaiian music and free hula shows by Hawaii’s finest hula halau (dance troupes) and Hawaiian performers, 6:30-7:30 p.m., every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting, at the Kuhio Beach Hula Mound, near the Duke Kahanamoku statue, beachside at Uluniu and Kalakaua Avenue in Waikiki.

**Miss Latina Hawaii 2013** — Public is invited, 5:30 p.m., Mamiya Theatre, 3142 Waiialae Ave. Winner represents Hispanic community at Miss Hawaii Pageant. Tickets online at hispaniceventshawaii.com/Miss Latina Hawaii.html or call 285-0072.

**12 / Tuesday**  
**Exercise at Theater** — The 728th Military Police Battalion will conduct an exercise inside Sgt. Smith Theater, SB, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. People in the vicinity or personnel working in

Bldg. 500 may hear gunshots from the training within the theater. For more information, call 655-7301.

**13 / Wednesday**  
**Wahiawa Road Work** — The state Department of Transportation advises Oahu motorists of temporary modifications to traffic patterns, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., over the Karsten Thot Bridge in Wahiawa on these Wednesdays: Feb. 13 and 20.  
One lane will be closed, and traffic will be controlled by flaggers. Traffic will be allowed both directions, but drivers should expect delays and consider alternate routes, when possible.

**16 / Saturday**  
**Swamp Romp** — Public is invited to the dirtiest race of the year, 7 a.m., Feb. 16, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, O’ Course Field. Six-member teams race through a 5-mile mud and dirt course, over and under obstacles.  
Cost is \$140 per six-man team. Visit mcschawaii.com/cgfit.

**Keiki Run** — Youngsters and parents are invited to the 1.5-mile, untimed race, 5210 Keiki Run, beginning and ending at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, Honolulu.  
Visit www.hawaii 5210.com or www.kahoomiki.org.

**18 / Monday**  
**Great Aloha Run** — Join tens of

thousands of runners, 7 a.m., at Aloha Tower, for this 8.15-mile relatively flat course that winds its way along the historic harbor, down Nimitz and Kamehameha highways to Aloha Stadium, with entertainment along the entire course. Write registration@great aloharun.com

**21 / Thursday**  
**Honolulu Theater for Youth** — Acclaimed Off-Broadway drama “Hold These Truths,” begins a six-performance run through March 2, Hawaii Theatre. Inspired by true stories of second-generation Japanese-Americans in World War II internment.  
Tickets may be ordered online at www.htyweb.org or call 839-9885.

**23 / Saturday**  
**Schofield Power Outage** — A power outage is scheduled from 7:30 a.m.- 4 p.m., Feb. 23, in preparation for construction of the new Warriors in Transition Barracks. Contractors will need to access an electrical manhole on Waianae that will involve a power outage for certain areas on post, as follows:  
•9000 block Waianae Avenue;  
•All trailers on Ayers Road;  
•Bachelor officer quarters;  
•Bldg. 750, Soldier Assistance Center;  
•Bldg. 9091, Youth Center;  
•Bldg. 9098, Child Development

Center;  
•Hamilton housing area;  
•McNair Gate; and  
•Stoneman Field.  
Twenty-pound bags of ice will be available, free of charge, in the parking lot across from Hamilton Field along Grimes Street, starting at 9 a.m., until the 500-bag allotment is distributed. Call job site superintendent, 306-3395.

**26 / Tuesday**  
**Museum Reopening** — The Tropic Lightning Museum at SB will reopen, 9 a.m., Feb. 26, following facility renovations inside the museum. Call 655-0438.

**Black History Month** — Sponsored by the City and County of Honolulu, the African-American Diversity Cultural Center Hawaii pays tribute to Hawaii and Alaska and their contribution to the Civil Rights Movement at Honolulu Hale, with a reception, 5-7 p.m., Feb. 26.

**27 / Wednesday**  
**Facebook Town Hall** — Do you have ideas about how to make the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii community better? Do you have questions about USAG-HI services, facilities or support? If so, get ready for the next

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## worship Services

Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on “Religious Support Office” under the “Directorates and Support Staff” menu.)

- AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
- FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
- HMR: Helemano Chapel
- MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
- SC: Soldiers’ Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
- WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

**Buddhist Services**  
•First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD  
•Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

**Catholic Mass**  
•Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR  
•Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF  
•Sunday services:  
- 8:30 a.m. at AMR  
- 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex  
- 10:45 a.m. at WAAF (Spanish language)  
- 11 a.m. at TAMC  
•Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at MPC and 12 p.m.TAMC

**Gospel Worship**  
•Sunday, noon, at MPC  
•Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

**Islamic Prayers and Study**  
•Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex  
•Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC  
•Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

**Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)**  
•Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH

**Pagan (Wicca)**  
•Friday, 7 p.m. at MPC Annex Room 232

**Protestant Worship**  
•Sunday Services  
- 8:45 a.m. at MPC  
- 9 a.m., at FD, WAAF and TAMC chapels  
•Lutheran/Episcopalian  
- 10 a.m. at HMR  
- 10:30 a.m. at AMR  
•Contemporary Service  
- 11 a.m. at Soldiers Chapel

## This Week at the MOVIES

Sgt. Smith Theater

Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to aafes.com under realtime movie listing.

**Flight**  
(PG-13)  
Fri., Feb. 8, 6 p.m.  
Thurs., Feb. 14, 6 p.m.



**The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey**  
(PG-13)  
Sat., Feb. 9, 2 p.m.  
Sun. Feb. 10, 2 p.m.

**Red Dawn**  
(PG-13)  
Sat., Feb. 9, 7 p.m.

**Jack Reacher**  
(PG-13)  
Wed., Feb.13, 6 p.m.

No shows on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Calendar abbreviations

8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command
25th ID: 25th Infantry Division
ACS: Army Community Service
AFAP: Army Family Action Plan
AFTB: Army Family Team Building
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation

ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA
BCT: Brigade Combat Team
BSB: Brigade Support Battalion
Co.: Company
CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services
EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program
FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and

Recreation
FRG: Family Readiness Group
FS: Fort Shafter
HMR: Helemano Military Reservation
IPC: Island Palm Communities
PFC: Physical Fitness Center
SB: Schofield Barracks

SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center
USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii
USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield



# Renovated USO Center reopens at Honolulu airport

USO marks 72nd birthday with formal blessing for the service member center

**JOSEPH LEE**  
United Service Organizations

HONOLULU — With the release of a maile lei, Maj. Gen. Anthony Crutchfield, chief of staff, U.S. Pacific Command, alongside USO sponsors, staff and Hawaii’s senior military leaders, officially reopened USO Hawaii’s renovated Honolulu airport center, Monday.

“It had been 30 years since any updates have been made to the center,” said Leigh Leilani Graham, area director for USO Hawaii and Guam. “And with the USO being the first impression of Hawaii for many military and their families, it was in desperate need of a makeover.”

Open 365 days a year, the USO center at Honolulu International Airport serves more than 4,000 travel-weary military visitors each month, giving most their very first taste of Hawaii, whether they are arriving for a permanent change of station or just a well-earned vacation.

Hawaiian music and the fresh scent of tropical flowers greets guests with “Aloha Spirit” as they walk into the new center, lined with hardwood floors and furnished with Hawaiian wood tables with high-backed, polished wood chairs. Troops can also opt to relax in one of several full body massage chairs designed to ease the strain of travel.

The renovation of this new “island-style luxury” center includes a sleeping room; marble showers and dressing area; a self-serve, gratis refreshment center; large-screen televisions; a keiki area; and true Hawaiian hospitality that welcomes all the senses to the Aloha state.

“USO Hawaii is a beloved institution and an integral part of Hawaii’s history,” said Hawaii Governor Neil Abercrombie about the grand reopening. “From welcoming our troops at more than 78 smaller USO clubs all across the islands during World War II, to the state-of-the-art centers we have today, USO has proven the perfect place for our military and their families to enjoy the aloha spirit.”

Hundreds of service members and guests witnessed the traditional Hawaiian blessing that reintroduced the community to the facility, which has been closed since the end of November.

Nearly a quarter million dollars in materials and donated manpower came from Lend



Photos by Jack Wiers | U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

USO officials describe the newly renovated Honolulu International Airport USO Center as “state of the art.” It includes an island-style luxury center, sleeping room, marble showers and dressing area. The center, originally opened in 1972 but closed since November during renovation work, serves an estimated 4,000 service members and their families each month.

Lease Corporation, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s housing partner. Board member Jerry Schmitz, retired Army, and former commander at Pohakuloa Training Area, was officially recognized as a project leader during the ceremony.

“We understand, firsthand, the value of creating a ‘home away from home’ for our military families,” said Schmitz, a project director for Lend Lease. “It’s been a great opportunity for us and our Lend Lease (U.S.) Community Fund to support the USO’s efforts in Hawaii.”

“Our Honolulu Airport USO is a vital hub for welcoming hundreds of thousands of military

and their families from around the globe each year,” said Sloan Gibson, USO president. “The opening of this center on USO’s 72nd birthday

is a milestone for Hawaii and our entire nation in committing our best for those who keep us free.”



Maj. Gen. Anthony Crutchfield (4th from left, leaning forward), chief of staff, U.S. Pacific Command, along with senior military and USO leaders, joins the untying of the maile lei for the official grand reopening of the USO Center at Honolulu International Airport’s main terminal, Monday.

**Honolulu International Airport USO**  
The USO Center is open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. to serve Hawaii’s military community. For more information about USO Hawaii, and USO Centers around the world, visit [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org).



# 94th AAMDC donates to school

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HONOLULU — Soldiers from the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command donated school supplies to the Linapuni Elementary School, Friday.

The donations will help resupply the school with much-needed items that are required throughout the school year.

“We are very grateful for the donations from the 94th AAMDC,” said Susan Kondo, the parent community networking facilitator at Linapuni Elementary School.

“We have children here who live in poverty, come to school without school supplies and are less fortunate than other kids who have parents who work, so the school has to supplement them,” she explained.

“Donating those school supplies to Linapuni Elementary School made me feel good, because we’re able to help them out in a time of need,” said Sgt. 1st Class Wesley Burton, a member of the 94th AAMDC’s unit ministry team.

“This is a school with a very tight budget, and something as basic as paper towels are hard to come by, so we try to help out when we can,” he continued. “The 94th AAMDC tries to do this every year between Christmas and New Year, and we also help out with their field day, “reading out loud” program and other programs that we supply volunteers for.”

“With our budget being what it is, there is only room for the most-needed supplies, like pencils, crayons and composition notebooks, and donations of any kind are greatly appreciated,” Kondo said. “People don’t realize that in the middle of the school year, our pencils are very short, with no erasers; the books are all broken and need replacing; and crayons are all unwrapped and in bits.”

Burton also noted that, when military units are active in the community, they help foster great working relationships.

“Programs like this strengthen the bond between the mil-



Col. Gary Norris (right) and Sgt. 1st Class Wesley Burton (left), both members of the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command's unit ministry team, pose with Susan Kondo, the parent community net-working facilitator, at Linapuni Elementary School as they drop off donations of school supplies, Friday.

itary installations and the local community, and this is one of the reasons that we participate,” he explained.

Linapuni Elementary School belongs to the School Partnerships Program, a partnership between Hawaii public schools and the military. The program was created in the 1980s to build a stable and consistent relationship between school and military communities.

“Linapuni Elementary School would like to thank the 94th AAMDC,” said Kondo. “They have always been there for us, and we can always depend on the 94th AAMDC and its unit ministry team.

“Col. Gary Norris and Sgt. 1st Class Wesley Burton have always been dedicated to helping us, and we’re very appreciative of this,” Kondo added.

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tures with Leisure Travel Services and save money. Call 655-9971.

**RV/Boat/Jet Ski Lot —** Store recreation equipment with SB Auto Skills; \$40 for 16-foot and below; \$50 above 16-feet. Call 655-9368.

**Intramurals —** Visit Himwr.com for sports applications and Army Hawaii Intramural Sports announcements. Call 655-0856.

•Basketball League — Army men’s and women’s competition runs through March 29.

•Soccer League — At Taka-ta Field, Fort Shafter, and Tripler AMC fields; runs through March 29.

**FS Cosmic Bowling —** Every Saturday, from 7:30-11:30 p.m., eat, dance and bowl with DJ Derek Walker. Call 438-6733.

**Renovation —** SB Health and Fitness Center renovation is underway, resulting in transfer of activities and classes to Martinez Gym. Renovations include installing two new saunas, repairing por-

tions of the facility floor, replacing all windows and painting the interior walls. Call 655-8789/8007.

**Military Special —** Bowl a free game when you make a purchase over \$6 from Wheeler Bowl’s snack bar. Must have receipt. Game must be used same day as snack bar purchase. Cannot be combined with additional discounts or offers. Call 656-1745.

**Sand Volleyball —** Join weekly competition on Mondays; game starts at 6 p.m., Tropics Warrior Zone. Call 655-5698.

**Pool Tournament —** Join this popular 8-ball weekly competition on Tuesdays; game starts at 6 p.m., Tropics Warrior Zone. Best 2 of 3 plays for the championship title the last Tuesday of the month. Free to play; call 655-5698.

**Helemano Physical Fitness Center —** Stroller Stride & Ride and Circuit Training will start this month, with days and times to be determined. Call 653-0719.

**Winter Bowling Birthdays —** Plan a birthday at Shafter’s Bowling Center during the months of January or February, and the birthday boy/girl will receive a commemorative birthday bowling pin for free, while supplies last. Limited to parties of 10 or more. For reservations, call 438-6733.



# Island Palms’ ‘Live & Learn Festival’ returns Feb. 20

ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES  
New Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — An afternoon filled with exciting interactive exhibits, activities and entertainment are sure to be had at Island Palm Communities’ annual



“Live & Learn 101 Festival” at the Porter Community Center, here, from 3-6 p.m., Feb. 20. Moms, dads and kids of all ages are sure to learn something new from dozens of exhibitors covering a variety of interesting and timely topics — from health, fitness and nutrition tips to early and continuing education opportunities, Hawaiian culture, arts and environmental awareness. And don’t forget to stop by IPC’s SafetyNet and SYNERGY tent for some fun

games and take-away tips everyone can use. After visiting exhibits, plan to relax and enjoy a good book read by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Eddie the Eagle mas-

cot and McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog. If you plan on riding your bike to the festival, test your skills at the bike rodeo, hosted by the Directorate of Emergency Service’s Bike Patrol.

## Live & Learn Festival Online

Make the festival an afternoon with family and friends. For event details, log on to [www.islandpalmcommunities.com](http://www.islandpalmcommunities.com).

# Girl Scouts adopt playground

ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES  
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Girl Scout Troop 530 and the Army share a common goal: to be good stewards of the community in which they live and work. The troop, based here, joined Island Palm Communities (IPC) to launch an Adopt a Playground pilot project. “The Girl Scouts have proudly taken ownership of their neighborhood and are making a positive impact on families who utilize the facility and live in the surrounding area,” said Tom Adams, IPC’s director of property management. The troop adopted a playground in the Porter Community, here, and is committed to cleaning the area twice a month over the

next six months. Building community among families through activities, special events and programs, like Adopt a Playground, is an important part of IPC’s mission to create places that can positively impact residents. “The Girl Scouts are setting a great example for their peers, and we hope they will encourage others to take a proactive role in their own neighborhoods,” said Adams.

## Adopt a Playground

To learn how your organization or neighbor can take part in IPC’s Adopt a Playground, contact Sheryl Ferido at 275-3159 or email [sferido@ipchawaii.com](mailto:sferido@ipchawaii.com).



Jack Wiers | USAG-HI Public Affairs

Porter Community is serving as host site for an Island Palms pilot “Adopt a Playground” project.





Spc. Jonathan Hinojosa | 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team

Runners charge out at the beginning of the Bronco Memorial Run up Kolekole pass, Saturday.

# Broncos run to honor their fallen

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3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs  
25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers, families and civilians from around Oahu gathered to honor the fallen heroes of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, “Broncos,” 25th Infantry Division, with a run up Kolekole Pass, Saturday, sponsored by the Bronco Memorial Association.

More than 500 personnel participated in the memorial run to honor 70 Bronco Soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The run began with a howitzer blast and started just past the 3rd BCT Special Troops Bn. Headquarters. The route headed all the way up to the scenic overlook point at the top of Kolekole Pass.

Though access to Kolekole Pass has been denied to the public for the last several years, special permission was provided for the event.

1st Lt. Andy Ferrara, executive officer for Company A, 2nd Bn., 27th Inf. Regt., “Wolfhounds,” 3rd BCT, came in first in the 5K run. He said he ran the trail for those who could not be present, more specifically, his Soldier, whose name was printed on the back of his T-shirt.

“As a platoon leader on the last rotation, one of my Soldiers was killed, so I run to support him,” said Ferrara.

Three events comprised the run: a 1-mile keiki run for kids,

an intermediate 5K and a big 10K dash up to the summit of the pass, which was concluded by an awards ceremony.

“It is a great view of Hawaii; I saw part of Schofield I had never really seen,” said 1st Lt. Richard Grue, platoon leader, Co. D, 2nd Bn., 27th Inf. Regt., “Wolfhounds,” 3BCT, who was the winner of the 10K race.

“It was an awesome PT event, but I am really out here to support the memorial association and all of our fallen and wounded warriors in 3rd Brigade,” said Grue.

Donations were accepted and T-shirts were sold to runners to help the Bronco Memorial Association in its mission of supporting families of the brigade’s heroes.

“The proceeds of this run go to sustain that memorial, that monument, that tribute to our Soldiers,” said Col. Brian Eifler, commander of the Bronco Brigade.

“(This) is a fitting tribute for those 70 fallen Soldiers,” said Eifler. “That is what we are running for today, to not forget them and to make sure their names remain in our hearts, in our minds, on this post and on that memorial, forever.”

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## Bronco Memorial Association

Anyone wanting to make a donation to help the Bronco Memorial Association, in its mission of honoring Bronco heroes, should visit [www.broncomeorial.com](http://www.broncomeorial.com).















# PATRIOTS: Finals bound

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“He’s ‘Mr. Inside,’” Spiridigliozzi said. “He’s the guy who instructs the cadets and trains them.”

In addition, Army instructors, retired Master Sgts. Ramon Ramos and Bryan Wyatt, help, as needed, with weekly practices leading up to next month’s competition.

This year’s two-track competition includes public, private and home schools registered in the Open Division, while JROTC units, Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Civil Air Patrol squadrons fill the All-Service Division.

In all, more than 1,200 teams registered to participate, representing all 50 states, Canada and U.S. Department of Defense Dependent Schools in Europe and the Pacific.

“Each year this competition draws in very determined students who demonstrate great energy, motivation and excitement in their involvement with CyberPatriot,” said Bernie Skoch, CyberPatriot commissioner. “We have to congratulate all the students for their hard work, and we look forward to the great amount of enthusiasm they will bring with them to the National Finals Competition in March.”

The All-Service Division began with 806 teams. Now, the final 14 will travel to the CyberPatriot National Finals Competition at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center, in National Harbor, Md., where they will compete face to face and defend virtual networks from a professional aggressor team.

The Open Division also sends 12 teams to the competition.

“Air Force Association (creator of CyberPatriot) bills the event as a part of national defense, which makes sense to me,” Spiridigliozzi said. “Cyber security and keeping our information safe from online threats, like hackers, is so much a part of our national defense.

“But,” he added, “CyberPatriot’s No. 1 goal is to excite children about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education. And, the part I would like to stress is, you don’t need to be a cyber geek to be part of the team. We look for someone who’s excited about learning, can stay motivated and will do their best.”

The top team from each division will be announced at an awards banquet to conclude the competition.

*(Editor’s note: Information used from a Hawaii State Department of Education news release.)*

### What is CyberPatriot?

CyberPatriot is the premier national high school cyber defense competition designed to give participants hands-on exposure to the foundations of cyber security. It is not a hacking competition; rather, CyberPatriot’s mission is to excite students about Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education.

For more information and a list of all the advancing CyberPatriot V finalists, visit the CyberPatriot website at [www.uscyberpatriot.org](http://www.uscyberpatriot.org).



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online Facebook Town Hall, hosted by Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, USAG-HI, 6-7:30 p.m., Feb. 27, at [www.facebook.com/usaghawaii](http://www.facebook.com/usaghawaii), under the “Events” tab.

All Soldiers, family members, retirees and civilians in U.S. Army-Hawaii can ask questions, address concerns and get responses.

If your question does not pertain to the public at large, email the Interactive Customer Evaluation System, or ICE, at <http://ice.disa.mil>, or Ask the Garrison Commander at [AskTheCommander.usaghi@us.army.mil](mailto:AskTheCommander.usaghi@us.army.mil).

**28 / Thursday**  
**Free Magic Classes** — Kalihi-Palama Library, 6 p.m., on the fourth Thursday

of each month (except November and December). Sponsored by Hawaii Magicians Society; visit [www.hawaiimagiciansclub.com](http://www.hawaiimagiciansclub.com) or call 234-5262.

## Ongoing

**Macomb Gate** — This gate will be open to both inbound and outbound traffic, 5 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday through Friday, during Macomb roundabout construction. However, both inbound-outbound traffic patterns will change; main access to and from Schofield Barracks will be through Leilehua Avenue.

Due to housing area proximity, additional consideration for area residents is asked, including turning off or lowering car radio volume, watching for pedestrians and reducing vehicle speed.

The Directorate of Emergency Services will continue to conduct traffic assessment and implement changes.